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Response Under  
37 C.F.R. §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 1812

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
BLAUDIN DE THE et al. )  
Serial No.: 07/649,342 ) Group Art Unit: 1812  
Filed: February 1, 1991 ) Examiner: J. Ulm  
For: A NOVEL STEROID/THYROID )  
HORMONE RECEPTOR-RELATED )  
GENE INAPPROPRIATELY )  
EXPRESSED IN HUMAN )  
HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA )

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 21 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 1992, (Paper No. 21), in the above-identified application for which the period for response has been extended by filing herewith a Petition for extension of time and submission of the appropriate fee. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' invention relates to a new member of the nuclear hormone receptor family that responds to retinoic acid as a ligand. Three distinct and different members of the retinoic acid